



### Overview of NFLC

With 5 states that came, the NFLC in Minneapolis, MN was both exciting and action-packed. The conference began with a room full of enthusiasm as five national officers began the opening session and introduced keynote speaker Dr. Joe Martin who talked about his life and what made it successful. After the opening session, a game room opened for students to network with one another.

Throughout the conference, many workshops, ranging from teamwork to SAT/ACT strategies, by a variety of speakers were open to all FBLA members. Even the Market Place was found at the conference, where FBLA-PBL attire, accessories, and equipment were sold. After an exciting one and a half days, the conference adjourned with a closing session, where keynote speaker Grant Baldwin motivated the audience to overcome obstacles in lives. However, the conference did not officially end as students danced the night away at the Blue Jeans for Babies social event. Overall, the NFLC in Minneapolis was a great success and opportunity for both students and advisors who were able to learn and network with the people around them.



### Business Achievement Awards

The Business Achievement Awards (BAA) offer students recognition for their involvement in FBLA as well as for their leadership and academic skills. The self-directed program has four tiers with activities for Service, Education, and Progress under each tier. Once the first tier (Future) is completed, students may advance to the second tier (Business), and so on. The program has a March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline so the desired tiered activities must be completed and submitted prior to that deadline. However, if a student completes Future and Business levels this year, he/she would automatically begin the Leader level next year.

To sign up for the BAAs, visit [fbla-pbl.org](http://fbla-pbl.org) and you'll find everything you need under the Business

Achievement Award link in the FBLA sub-menu. Students and advisors will also use the site to register for the BAAs and document completion of activities. The state officer team has made it a goal to increase participation of members in the Business Achievement Awards as it offers many benefits to FBLA members. Contact any state officer for more information on the BAAs and how to get involved.

### Membership Verification E-mail

#### VERY IMPORTANT!!!

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, all advisors should be receiving an e-mail from the state office asking for a verification of membership response. This response must be sent back to the state office by **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. You will **NOT** be able to register students for the RLC if you do not respond to the verification e-mail.

### Reminder Dates

- Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – Program of Work is due
- Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – Membership verification email (complete by Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> – RLC Registration window
- Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – Regional VP Applications due to State Office
- Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> – Onsite Testing Administrators receive testing information/exams via e-mail
- Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> – RLC Testing at home school
- Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> – Substitution/Registration Cancellation deadline (to receive refund)
- Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> – National/State Officer applications due to State Office
- Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> – Student scholarships, FBLA Advisor recognition, and Outstanding Local Chapter Officer application deadline
- Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> – All pre-judged and skill event materials, registration fees, and Regional VP candidate materials due to regional host school
- Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> – RLC at Brookfield East HS

## Regional Conference News

The Regional Leadership Conference is not far off. Please remember to register students for the conference by December 19<sup>th</sup>. Right after Winter break, I will be in touch with more specific information. Please be sure to check the reminder dates for deadline information.

To start your plans, here is some information that may be helpful to you.

- Brookfield East HS is located at 3305 North Lilly Road, Brookfield, WI 53005. We are currently under construction so please watch for information on access and parking at the school.
- Registration the day of will be from 7:30 – 8:15 with the opening session beginning at 8:30. Our hopes are to be done by 3:00.
- Breakfast will be available for sale as well as snacks throughout the day.
- Each school will need to provide their own name tags. To keep with tradition, there will be a name tag competition based on the theme, Get the Edge.

If you have any questions or need any assistance through the RLC process, just let us know.

## March of Dimes – VP Sami Murphy

The Future Business Leaders of America Organization's involvement with the March of Dimes Saving Babies Foundation continues to grow. This year our goal is to continue raising money to show our support. We want to encourage local chapters around the area to show their support by increasing the awareness of community members and FBLA members. We encourage chapters to hold fundraisers with all proceeds going towards the March of Dimes Foundation.



This year at Regional competition, there will be a Penny War between all local chapters. We encourage each chapter to bring money to put in their containers. The chapter with the largest amount of money will be rewarded! All proceeds will be collected and at the State competition in April, there will be a Penny War between the different regions in Wisconsin. We also encourage each chapter to participate in the Saving

Babies Walk, which will be held at the State Competition in Milwaukee.

The money raised by the Wisconsin State FBLA organization, regional organizations, and local chapters is used for research to help save the lives of unborn babies. The March of Dimes Foundation's mission is to improve the health of babies. FBLA members, continue reaching out and showing your support for the Saving Babies Foundation!

## Local Chapter News

Want to share your ideas with everyone in your region? Want to show off how great your chapter is? Send your ideas and pictures to [wifblaregion6vp@gmail.com](mailto:wifblaregion6vp@gmail.com), and your chapter can be featured in the next Region VI Newsletter!

## Advisor's Corner

Advisors, if you did not receive this newsletter from us via e-mail as well, please e-mail me a little note at [holtzera@elmbrookschoools.org](mailto:holtzera@elmbrookschoools.org) so that I have the correct e-mail for everyone. Please also let me know if advisors have changed or been added so I can update my database. Thank you!

Entertainment for RLC is going to be a hypnotist in the afternoon. He provided waiver forms for students. Although I don't believe that my school will require it, if you would like a copy of it for your students to fill out, please let me know and I will forward that to you.

Please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Allie